Speeches

Mr. Chairman, ~~Mr. Chancellor~~, Mr. Principal, ~~Mr. President~~, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the graduates of this University, it is with high regard and deep affection that we cite Professor J. W. Bridges for an Honourary Life Membership in the Association of Alumni.

As a man of letters, Professor Bridges has made an outstanding contribution to the field of Psychology with five books, two monographs and about thirty papers in scientific journals. Two books; "Point Scale for Measuring Mental Ability" and "Outline of Abnormal Psychology" were the first books on Psychology published by a Canadian born psychologist. A third "Normal and Abnormal Psychology" is painfully familiar to most of us in this room tonight.

His stature in the academic community can be measured by his recognition as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; as a Fellow and Life Member of the American Psychological Association and as a Fellow and Honourary President of the Canadian Psychological Association.

Since joining the faculty in 1941, Professor Bridges has devoted his time, energy and wisdom to the students of Sir George Williams University. It is estimated that there are now more than one hundred and fifty of his students who are, in turn, making their mark in the field of Psychology. Names like Boltuk, Hymovitch, Iscoe, Thomas, Lansdell, Smith, Mahoney Carabine, Deshield, and many others, are the products of his stimulation and devotion.

There were others of us, Sir, who struggled with Psychological theory, considered behavioural patterns and were perhaps pass motivated.

We number in the thousands, and it is upon us that the greatest contribution was made because it was your insight and skill which lifted barriers, gave us confidence and led us to the limits of our ability. We are deeply indebted.

Dr. Bridges, in a recent statement you said that you fell in love with Sir George. Sir, we are here tonight to say that your affection is reciprocated and that, in recognition of your dedication and service to the students of Sir George Williams University, it is our privilege to present you with an Honourary Life Membership in the Association of Alumni.